Smuggling of textiles into the country

@2529. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI RASHEED MASOOD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the large scale smuggling of textiles into the country from Bangladesh and Nepal seriously affecting the textile industry in the country; -

(b) if so, what is the estimated value of the textiles being smuggled into the country annually and the estimated recession in demand of indigenous products as a result thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that one of the main reasons for large scale smuggling of textiles into the country is the high price of indigenous products due to high fates of taxation;

(d) whether Government propose, to rationalise the taxation structure in order to give relief to the textile industry in the country and also to check smuggling of textiles: and

(e) if so, what steps have been taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI, JANARDHAN POOJARY): (a) and (b) Reports received bj the Government and seizures made indicate that synthetic fab rics continue to be an item sensitive to smuggling into the country from Bangla desh and Nepal. Synthetic fabrics of foreign origin may be favoured for smug gling into the country due to various factors like profitability, better design and quality vis-a-vis Indian product, etc. How ever, smuggling being, a clandestine acti vity, no reliable estimate of the value of synthetic textiles smuggled into the coun try is feasible. •

(c) to '(e) In pursuance to the Textile Policy 1985, the Government has already taken a series of steps and has reduced the excise duty rates on polyester staple fibre, acrylic fibre, polyester-cotton and polyester-viscose blended yam and polyester-Wool blended yarn. The ' Government has also formulated a scheme under which polyester staple fibre could be supplied free of excise/countervailing duty for manufacture and sale of low priced blended fabrics. A similar scheme has been announced in the Budget, 1987 *to* make available good quality sarees at reasonable price.

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Setting up of courts to deal with CBI cases

@@2530. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased t_0 state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to *get* up courts to deal exclusively with the CBI cases; and

(b) if so, what is the nature and scope of such courts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): 0a) and (b) Government are considering setting up of more Courts of Special Judges and Special Magistrates to deal exclusively with CBI cases. These courts are proposed to be set up in States where there are a large number of CBI Cases pending for trial'.

Social Reforms 'n CWI Services

@. @@2i531. SHRTMATI SUDHA VTJAY JOSHL'Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to undertake any reforms in civil services in order to get them ready to meet the challenges of the social changes; and

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(b) if so, wh'at are the details of the -. scheme drawn up?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) and (b) Reforms in civil services in order to enable them to meet the challenges of social change is a continu-' ing process. The steps taken in the recent past in this regard include *irrpiove-* •ments in the recruitment process, training programmes to upgrade their skills 'and capabilities, systematic placement and career planning, enforcemen: of accountability through objective performance ap pi'aisal system, etc.

Production of the polio vaccine to the country

f2532. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a'fact that polio vac •cine is being produced in the country;

(b) if so, "whether the quantity of the vaccine produced is adequ'ate for the need* of the country or some quantity of the vaccine is being imported; and

, (c) what steps are being taken to increase the indigenous production of polio vaccine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRO DUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIV-' RAJ PATIL): (a) to c) No, Sir, the Polio vaccine is not manufactured indigenously in the country. However, the Haffkine Siopharmaceutical Corporation Ltd. (HBPCL) is importing the requisite mono-valent components of the oral polio vaccine in bulk and after formulation, the polyvalent polio vaccine is made available for the Expanded Programme $_0$f Immunisation. The Government have already launched a Technology Mission titled "Vaccination land Immunisation of Vulnerable Sections especially children" which also has a component of the indigenous production of polio vaccine. The technology for indigenous production has been finalised and discussion with possible manufactures aTe in advanced stage.

f Previously Unstarred Question 1706 transferred from the 11th March, 1987.

Cases of Nationalised Banks pending in Courts

2533. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Wul the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nationalised banks have a large number of cases pending in various courts of law in the country, leading to clogging of courts;

(b) whether the Government have made any survey $_0$f th e number of cases pending in courts, which were initiated by nationalised banks; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to order such a survey, so as to enquire into ways and means of reducing the work of courts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY): (a) to (c) Quick reports obtained from the 20 nationalised banks indicate that as on 31. 12. 1986, they had about 5. 85 lakh su'ts pending in various courts in the country.

The banks take recourse to law courts only after exhausting available remedies for recovery of their advances/enforcement of their rights, including consideration of proposals for settlements|compro-mises etc. Public sector banks have already been advised-to take recourse to arbitration in matters of disputes involving only Govt. organisations/public sector undertakings. In other cases, recourse to legal action where unavoidable would have to be allowed to the banks to ensure recovery and enforcement of their rights.

Loan to Small Scale Industries by Banks in Orissa

2534. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Bank of India and other Nationalised Banks in Orissa are not financing the small scale industries in time' and as such